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REMARKS

Claims 65 and 67 are pending in the subject application. Applicant has not canceled any claims. Claim 65 has also been amended to more particularly point out the subject matter which applicant regards as her invention. Applicant also adds new claims 72 and 73. Support in the specification for amended claim 65 and new claims 72 and 73 is set forth in the table below.

65. A purified antibody directed to an epitope of a human PAK4 serine/threonine kinase, wherein the antibody blocks binding of the human PAK4 serine/threonine kinase to a GTP binding protein	<p>Page 24, lines 35-38: "a pharmaceutical composition comprising a monoclonal antibody directed to an epitope of a PAK4 serine/threonine kinase effective to block binding of a PAK4 serine/threonine kinase to a GTP binding domain</p> <p>Page 20, lines 11-14: "This invention provides an antibody capable of binding to the PAK4 serine/threonine kinase which may be a purified mammalian PAK4 serine/threonine kinase or a <u>purified human PAK4 serine/threonine kinase.</u>"</p>
and the human PAK4	Page 1, lines 22 and 23: " <u>PAK4</u>

serine/threonine kinase interacts with the GTP binding protein through its GTP binding domain, such domain comprising consecutive amino acids having a sequence as set forth in SEQ ID NO:6.	<u>interacts only with the activated form of Cdc42Hs through its GTPase binding domain (GBD)."</u> Page 8, lines 13 and 14: "GBD/CRIB motif of PAK4 (SEQ ID NO:6)" and Figure 1D.
72. The antibody of claim 65, wherein the GTP binding protein is Cdc42Hs or Rac.	Page 25, lines 11 and 12: "In one embodiment, the <u>GTP binding protein is Cdc42Hs or RAC.</u> "
73. The antibody of claim 67, wherein the GTP binding protein is Cdc42Hs or Rac.	Page 25, lines 11 and 12: "In one embodiment, the <u>GTP binding protein is Cdc42Hs or RAC.</u> "

Accordingly, applicant maintains that this Amendment raises no issue of new matter. Upon entry of this Amendment, claims 65, 67, 72 and 73 will be pending and under examination in the subject application.

Withdrawn Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §112, First Paragraph and §102(e)

Applicant acknowledges the Examiner's withdrawal of the previous rejection of claims 65 and 67 under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph, and §102(e), as set forth in the October 30, 2006 Office Action.

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New Rejection under 35 U.S.C. §112, First Paragraph

The Examiner rejected claims 65 and 67 under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph, as allegedly failing to comply with the written description requirement. Specifically, the Examiner alleged that the claims contain subject matter which was not described in the specification in such a way as to reasonably convey to one skilled in the art that the inventor had possession of the claimed invention at the time the application was filed.

In response, applicant respectfully traverses.

Applicant notes that claim 65, as amended, is fully supported by the specification and directs the Examiner's attention to the table above which sets forth the page, line and language of the specification supporting the claim. Applicant further notes that as set forth in the table, new claims 72 and 73 are also supported by the specification.

In view of the amendment to claim 65 and the preceding remarks, applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph.

Summary

In view of the amendment to claim 65 and the preceding remarks, applicant respectfully maintains that claims 65, 67, 72 and 73 are in condition for allowance.

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If a telephone conference would be of assistance in advancing prosecution of the subject application, applicant's undersigned attorney invites the Examiner to telephone him at the number provided below.

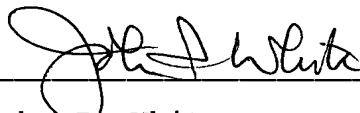
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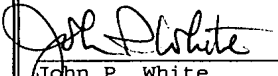
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